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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (as amended) A method of motion-compensated predictive image encoding, comprising the steps of:

estimating (ME) first motion vectors (MVc, MVl, MVr, MVa, MVb) for first objects (16*16);

filtering (MVPF) every occurrence of said first motion vectors (MVc, MVl, MVr, MVa, MVb) to obtain second motion vectors (MV1, MV2, MV3, MV4) for second objects (8*8), said second objects (8*8) being smaller than said first objects (16*16);

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